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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2001, please amend the above-described application as follows:

Drawings: Applicant is withdrawing claim number 7. Therefore, no new drawings are needed.

Claims: Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended.) A device for securing knives comprising two magnetically charged faces, each magnetically charged face made of a magnet, and each magnetically charged face moveably attached to the other magnetically charged face by a magnet support with a central hinge, wherein, when in the closed position, the magnetically charged faces cover all, or a part of, a knife blade, thereby securing and protecting the knife blade.

2. A device for securing knives according to claim 1 wherein the magnetically charged faces are entirely sealed between the magnet support and an interior face.

3. (Amended.) A device for securing knives according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the magnetically charged faces are made from the group consisting of lightweight or flexible magnets.